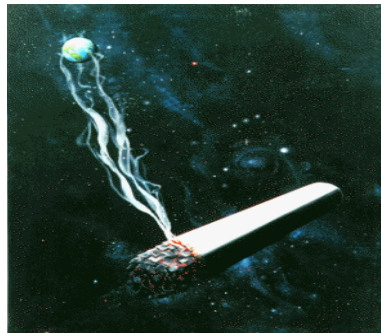




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Introduction

The Process Evaluation Project (PEP) is a component of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) School of Public Health's Tobacco Surveillance and Evaluation Research Program (TSERP). The PEP was designed to provide useful information and feedback to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) about the community-based components of the New Jersey Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program (CTCP).

In the Fall of 2001, the PEP conducted over 80 key informant interviews with DHSS Tobacco Managers; Communities Against Tobacco (CAT) Coordinators, Youth Coordinators, and Local Information Network Communication Systems (LINCS) Coordinators in each county; a purposeful sample of Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement (TASE) Coordinators; statewide and regional Program Administrators at the New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN); and directors of other statewide programs that are affiliated with the CTCP and that interact with or support its community-based tobacco control programs. The PEP also collected data about these community-based programs from monthly and/or quarterly program reports, as well as from grant contracts/agreements.

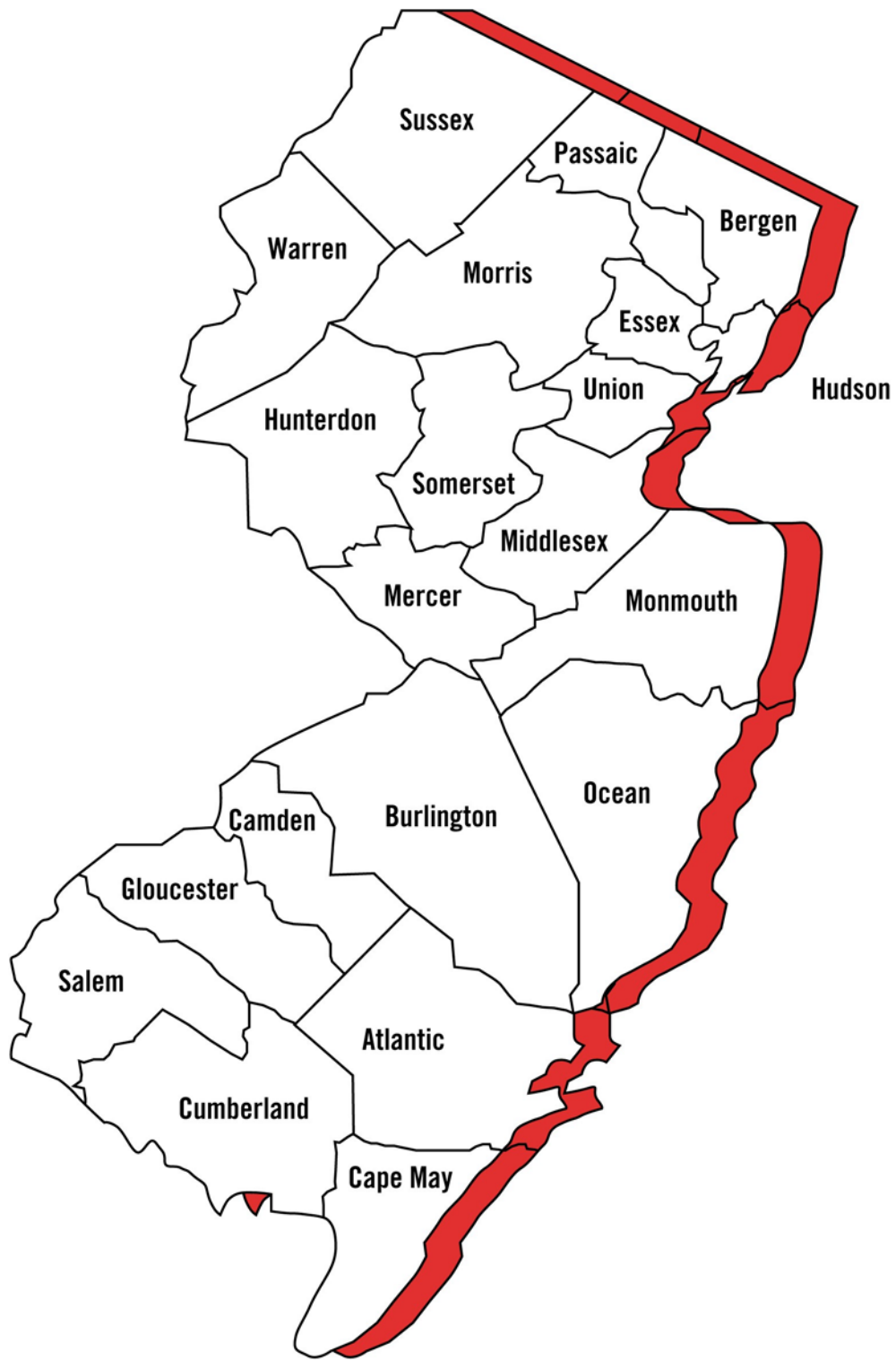
Associated with the analysis of this qualitative data are several publications, some of which are for internal use by DHSS and the CTCP, and others of which are for public release. The volume currently before you, *County Profiles I: Demographics of New Jersey Communities*, is the first of a two-part series of PEP publications to be released by the Summer of 2002. *County Profiles I* is designed to provide interested parties with the latest available demographic information so that community-based tobacco control program planning, implementation, assessment, and evaluation may be geared toward the populations and resources of each of New Jersey's 21 unique counties. The second publication in this series, *County Profiles II: Tobacco Control in New Jersey Communities*, is designed to highlight each county's tobacco control programs and the activities in which they have engaged through the end of February 2002.

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Map of New Jersey with Counties



Atlantic County

Introduction

Atlantic is the third largest county in New Jersey with a total land area of 561 square miles.^{1,2} Situated in the southeast portion of the state, it borders on Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, and Gloucester Counties as well as the Atlantic Ocean.³ Its public open space includes 14 miles of beaches and 5.75 miles of boardwalk.¹ Among Atlantic County's principal industries are casino hotels, fine china production, aviation testing/engineering, agriculture, yacht building, glass, plastics, pharmaceutical research and promotion, and tourism-related services.¹

Major roadways that traverse the county include the Garden State Parkway, the Atlantic City Expressway, and U.S. Routes 9, 30, 40, 206, and 322.¹ Available passenger transportation includes Amtrak and NJ Transit trains and three local airports.¹

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 75.5 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁴ Of the 24.2 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over one percent living in a rural farm area.⁴

Population Demographics

Atlantic County experienced a 12.6 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.² Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 450.2 persons per square mile and a total population of 252,552 people, of whom 48.3 percent are men and 51.7 percent are women.²

County Population by Age ⁵	Number	Percent
Total population	252,552	100.0
Under 5 years	16,483	6.5
5 to 17 years	47,372	18.8
18 to 24 years	20,367	8.1
25 to 64 years	133,893	53.0
65 years and older	34,437	13.6

County Population by Race/Ethnicity ⁵	Number	Percent
Total population	252,552	100.0
White	172,632	68.4
Black or African American	44,534	17.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	669	0.3
Asian	12,771	5.1
Hawaiian American and other Pacific Islander	114	*
Some other race	15,307	6.1
Two or more races	6,525	2.6
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	30,729	12.2

*Rounds to zero

Language Breakdown⁶	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	13.1
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	2.3
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	21.7
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	21.8
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	10.8
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, French/French Creole, German, and Chinese⁶</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{2,5-7}	
Median household income	\$38,124
Total housing units	114,090
Percent occupied	83.3
Percent owned	66.4
Percent rented	33.6
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.6
Percent of persons below poverty	10.8
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	7.6

Employment⁶⁻⁸	
Workers 16 years and over	111,467
Percent working within the county	88.5
Percent who are self-employed	5.4
Percent working at home	2.1
Unemployment rate	7.2
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (82.9%), bus (6.6%), and walking (6.1%)⁶</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	2
Private vocational or correspondence schools	3
Public schools	77
Private schools	22
Charter schools	2

Of the county population 25 years and over, 26.8 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁴ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 21 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators¹³⁻¹⁶	
Average life expectancy (in years)	73.8
Birth rate (per 100,000)	14.4
Death rate (per 100,000)	527.2
Percentage of low birth weight babies	8.7*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	2.0*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	1.1*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (799), malignant neoplasms (563), cerebrovascular diseases (126), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (96), and pneumonia and influenza (77).¹⁷</i>	
<i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i>	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Atlantic County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 24.4 percent has some disability, 12.6 percent has a severe disability, and .9 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ In addition to the six hospitals in the county, there are numerous clinics and family centers.^{1,19} There is one known tobacco cessation program located at Shore Memorial Hospital, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The services are wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship^{21,22}			
Adventist	4	Jewish	11
African Methodist Episcopal	5	Methodist	26
Assemblies of God	5	Muslim	2
Baptist	33	Orthodox	3
Christian/Churches of Christ	5	Pentecostal	19
Christian Science Churches	1	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	9
Congregational	3	Protestant	19
Episcopal	8	Roman Catholic Church	25
Evangelical Lutheran Church	6	Seventh Day Adventist	5
Holiness	9	Unitarian Universalist	1
Independent Fundamentalist	5		
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Korean²¹</i>			

Government

The form of government in Atlantic County is a County Executive Plan with a nine-member Freeholder Board.²³ There are 23 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 140,998 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 26 local newspapers, including one daily and two college newspapers, as well as 19 local radio stations and two television stations based in the county.²⁵

Bergen County

Introduction

Bergen, the most populated county in New Jersey, has a total land area of 234.5 square miles and borders on Passaic and Essex Counties as well as New York.^{26,27} Major roads that traverse the county include Interstates 95, 80, and 287, and Routes 3, 4, and 17.²⁸ Available mass transportation includes bus lines that operate in every community and three rail lines operated by NJ Transit that service 26 communities in the county, with additional rail service under construction.²⁸ There is one airport located in the county.²⁸

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 99.8 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.²⁹ Of the .2 percent of the population living in a rural area, 98 percent lives in a non-farm area, with just over one percent living in a rural farm area.²⁹

Population Demographics

Bergen County experienced a 7.1 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.²⁶ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 1,134.5 persons per square mile and a total population of 884,118 people, of whom 48.1 percent are men and 51.9 percent are women.²⁶

County Population by Age³⁰	Number	Percent
Total Population	884,118	100.0
Under 5 years	55,363	6.3
5 to 17 years	147,691	16.7
18 to 24 years	58,728	6.6
25 to 64 years	487,516	55.1
65 years and older	134,820	15.2

County Population by Race/Ethnicity³⁰	Number	Percent
Total Population	884,118	100.0
White	693,236	78.4
Black or African American	46,568	5.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,336	0.2
Asian	94,324	10.7
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	193	*
Some Other Race	28,503	3.2
Two or More Races	19,958	2.3
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	91,377	10.3

More than a third of all Asian residents in Bergen County are Korean.³⁰

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown³¹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	23.2
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	3.8
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	20.0
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	25.4
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	11.2
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, German, and Japanese³¹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,26,30,31}	
Median household income	\$59,557
Total housing units	339,820
Percent occupied	97.4
Percent owned	67.2
Percent rented	32.8
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	5.3
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	3.6

Employment^{8,31}	
Workers 16 years and over	429,102
Percent working within the county	59.8
Percent who are self-employed	6.1
Percent working at home	2.3
Unemployment rate	3.7
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (82.8%), bus (7.7%), walking (3.5%), and railroad (2.0%)³¹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	5
Private vocational or correspondence schools	20
Public schools	265
Private schools	115
Charter schools	1
<i>Bergen County has the largest total student enrollment in New Jersey.¹¹</i>	

Of the county population 25 years and over, 18.4 percent has less than a high school diploma.²⁹ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 17 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,32,33}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	77.3
Birth rate (per 100,000)	12.5
Death rate (per 100,000)	344.5
Percentage of low birth weight babies	6.8
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.3
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	.6
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (2,497), malignant neoplasms (1,886), cerebrovascular diseases (441), symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (299), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (253)</i> ¹⁷	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Bergen County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 20.9 percent has some disability, 10.2 percent has a severe disability, and .8 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ In addition to the eight hospitals in the county, there are numerous other community health services.^{19,27} There are five known tobacco cessation programs located at Holy Name Hospital, Englewood Hospital, Pascack Valley Hospital, the Valley Hospital, and HARP of Hackensack University Medical Center, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ Of these, four are listed as wheelchair accessible, three are accessible via public transportation, and one of the programs serves teens.²⁰ One program lists both English and Spanish as languages spoken.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	8	Lutheran	18
African Methodist Episcopal	6	Metaphysical	3
Assemblies of God	12	Methodist	32
Baptist	45	Muslim	4
Buddhist	2	Orthodox	13
Christian/Churches of Christ	10	Pentecostal	26
Christian Science Churches	3	Polish National Catholic Church	1
Congregational	13	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	42
Episcopal	42	Protestant	34
Evangelical Lutheran Church	30	Reformed	51
Hindu	1	Roman Catholic Church	75
Holiness	9	Seventh Day Adventist	4
Independent Fundamentalist	14	Southern Baptist Convention	3
Jewish	47	Unitarian Universalist	3
Latter Day Saints	3	Unclassified	5
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Korean and other Asian languages</i> ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Bergen County is a County Executive Plan with a seven-member Freeholder Board.²² There are 70 constituent municipalities—by far the largest number of any county in the state.²²

The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 490,503 registered voters in the county.²³

Media

There are 48 local newspapers, two of which are daily, as well as six local radio stations and six television stations based in the county.²⁴ The publication *Metro Cigar News* is also based in the county.²⁴

Burlington County

Introduction

Burlington is the largest county in New Jersey, covering 805 square miles—an area of 529,351 acres of which 524,160 are land and 5,191 are water.³⁴ It extends from the Delaware River to the Great Bay on the Atlantic Ocean and is bordered by Atlantic, Camden, Mercer, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties.³⁴ More Burlington County acres are devoted to farming than any other county in the state.³⁴ It is the second largest cranberry-producing county in the United States and runs a close second to timberland in the state.³⁴

Major roads that traverse the county include Interstate 295, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, U.S. Routes 130 and 206, and State Routes 38, 68, 70, 72 and 73.³⁵ There are two rail lines available.³⁵

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 83.3 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.³⁶ Of the 16.7 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over two percent living in a rural farm area.³⁶

Population Demographics

Burlington County experienced a 7.2 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.³⁷ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 526 persons per square mile and a total population of 423,394 people, of whom 49.5 percent are men and 50.5 percent are women.³⁷

County Population by Age³⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	423,394	100.0
Under 5 years	27,172	6.4
5 to 17 years	79,349	18.7
18 to 24 years	31,556	7.5
25 to 64 years	232,099	54.8
65 years and older	53,218	12.6

County Population by Race/Ethnicity³⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	423,394	100.0
White	331,898	78.4
Black or African American	64,071	15.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	898	0.2
Asian	11,378	2.7
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	144	*
Some Other Race	6,255	1.5
Two or More Races	8,750	2.1
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	17,632	4.2

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown³⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	8.7
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	1.0
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	12.7
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	14.7
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.8
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, German, Italian, French/French Creole, and Polish³⁹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,37-39}	
Median household income	\$52,543
Total housing units	161,311
Percent occupied	95.7
Percent owned	77.4
Percent rented	22.6
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.4
Percent of persons below poverty	5.8
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	4.2

Employment^{7,8,39}	
Workers 16 years and over	205,132
Percent working within the county	56.8
Percent who are self-employed	4.9
Percent working at home	2.1
Unemployment rate	3.3
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (90.2%), walking (4.0%), and bus (1.3%)³⁹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	1
Private vocational or correspondence schools	10
Public schools	132
Private schools	34
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 18.1 percent has less than a high school diploma.³⁶ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 16 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,40,41}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	76.1
Birth rate (per 100,000)	11.9
Death rate (per 100,000)	426.3
Percentage of low birth weight babies	6.8
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.5
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	0.6
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,050), malignant neoplasms (898), cerebrovascular diseases (224), pneumonia and influenza (129), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (118)¹⁷</i>	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Burlington County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 19.9 percent has some disability, 9.8 percent has a severe disability, and 1.8 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ There are seven hospitals in the county, including Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital and Walton Air Force Hospital located at Ft. Dix.¹⁹ There is one known tobacco cessation program located at Virtua Health, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The service is wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	3	Lutheran	2
African Methodist Episcopal	11	Metaphysical	1
Assemblies of God	3	Methodist	39
Baptist	44	Muslim	5
Bretheren	1	Orthodox	1
Christian/Churches of Christ	7	Pentecostal	21
Christian Science Churches	3	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	23
Congregational	2	Protestant	28
Episcopal	14	Reformed	1
Evangelical Lutheran Church	8	Roman Catholic Church	19
Holiness	6	Seventh Day Adventist	1
Independent Fundamentalist	6	Southern Baptist Convention	4
Jewish	6	Unitarian Universalist	1
Latter Day Saints	3	Unclassified	4
Includes Korean Baptist ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Burlington County is a Freeholder Board made up of five members.²³ There are 40 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 243,090 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are eight local newspapers, one of which is daily, as well as two local radio stations and three television stations based in the county.²⁵

Camden County

Introduction

Camden, situated in the southwest portion of New Jersey, has a total land area of 222.3 square miles.^{42,43} It borders on Atlantic, Burlington, and Gloucester Counties as well as the Delaware River which separates the county from Philadelphia.⁴² Major roadways that traverse the county include the NJ Turnpike, Interstates 295, 76, and 276, and Routes 30, 130, 168.⁴² Crossings into Pennsylvania include the Walt Whitman, Ben Franklin and Betsy Ross Bridges.⁴² Available passenger transportation includes NJ Transit and SEPTA buses and trains, and the PATCO rail line into Philadelphia.⁴⁴

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 97.5 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁴⁵ Of the 2.5 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with less than one percent living in a rural farm area.⁴⁵

Population Demographics

Camden County experienced a 1.2 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁴³ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 2,292.5 persons per square mile and a total population of 508,932 people, of whom 48.3 percent are men and 51.7 percent are women.⁴³

County Population by Age⁴⁶	Number	Percent
Total Population	508,932	100.0
Under 5 years	34,411	6.8
5 to 17 years	101,737	20.0
18 to 24 years	41,155	8.1
25 to 64 years	267,860	52.6
65 years and older	63,769	12.5

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁴⁶	Number	Percent
Total Population	508,932	100.0
White	360,756	70.9
Black or African American	92,059	18.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,300	0.3
Asian	18,910	3.7
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	187	*
Some Other Race	25,909	5.1
Two or More Races	9,811	1.9
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	49,166	9.7

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown³⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	11.7
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	1.9
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	21.4
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	17.6
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	9.2
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, German, Polish, Chinese, Indic, French/French Creole, and Tagalog³⁹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,39,43,46}	
Median household income	\$41,441
Total housing units	199,679
Percent occupied	93.0
Percent owned	70.0
Percent rented	30.0
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.6
Percent of persons below poverty	12.8
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	9.9

Employment^{7,8,39}	
Workers 16 years and over	234,532
Percent working within the county	55.7
Percent who are self-employed	5.1
Percent working at home	2.0
Unemployment rate	4.6
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (85.1%), bus (3.2%), subway or elevated (3.2%), walking (3.2%), and railroad (2.1%)³⁹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	2
Private vocational or correspondence schools	14
Public schools	162
Private schools	58
Charter schools	2

Of the county population 25 years and over, 26.8 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁴⁵ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 21 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,47,48}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	74.3
Birth rate (per 100,000)	14.0
Death rate (per 100,000)	499.4
Percentage of low birth weight babies	8.6*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.6
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	0.9*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,363), malignant neoplasms (1,094), cerebrovascular diseases (280), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (211), and diabetes mellitus (141)</i> ¹⁷	
<i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i>	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Camden County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 22.9 percent has some disability, 11.8 percent has a severe disability, and .8 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to the four hospitals in the county, there are seven regional health centers, numerous health care providers, and outreach services for children, adults, and senior citizens.^{19,49} There are three known tobacco cessation programs located at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Cherry Hill, Virtua Health in Voorhees, and the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative in Pennsauken, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ All are listed as both wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation, and two list services available in Spanish.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	9	Mennonite/Amish	2
African Methodist Episcopal	14	Metaphysical	3
Assemblies of God	9	Methodist	65
Baptist	80	Muslim	3
Christian/Churches of Christ	10	Orthodox	4
Christian Science Churches	2	Pentecostal	40
Congregational	1	Polish National Catholic Church	1
Episcopal	22	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	33
Evangelical Lutheran Church	13	Protestant	28
Hindu	2	Roman Catholic Church	57
Holiness	14	Seventh Day Adventist	2
Independent Fundamentalist	21	Southern Baptist Convention	1
Jewish	10	Unitarian Universalist	1
Lutheran	13	Unclassified	2
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Korean and Ukrainian</i> ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Camden County is a Freeholder Board made up of seven members.²³ There are 37 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 266,984 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 15 local newspapers, one of which is a daily newspaper, as well as four local radio stations and one television station based in the county.²⁵

Cape May County

Introduction

Cape May, located at the southernmost tip of New Jersey, is a peninsula with a total land area of 255 square miles including more than 30 miles of beaches.^{50,51} The county is roughly 150 miles from New York City and 80 miles from Philadelphia and is bordered by Atlantic and Cumberland Counties as well as the Atlantic Ocean and the Delaware Bay.⁵² Major roadways that traverse the county include the Garden State Parkway and Route 9.⁵² Public transportation includes a general aviation airport as well as ferry service.⁵²

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 66.7 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁵³ Of the 33.3 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just 1.4 percent living in a rural farm area.⁵³

Population Demographics

Cape May County experienced a 7.6 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁵¹ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 401.3 persons per square mile and a total population of 102,236 people, of whom 48.1 percent are men and 51.9 percent are women.⁵¹

County Population by Age⁵⁴	Number	Percent
Total Population	102,326	100.0
Under 5 years	5,244	5.1
5 to 17 years	17,615	17.2
18 to 24 years	6,561	6.4
25 to 64 years	52,225	51.0
65 years and older	20,681	20.2

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁵⁴	Number	Percent
Total Population	102,326	100.0
White	93,700	91.6
Black or African American	5,178	5.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	186	0.2
Asian	661	0.6
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	40	*
Some Other Race	1,379	1.3
Two or More Races	1,182	1.2
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,378	3.3

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown⁶	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	6.1
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	0.8
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	18.6
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.2
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.9
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, German, French/French Creole, and Polish⁶</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{6,7,51,54}	
Median household income	\$36,211
Total housing units	91,047
Percent occupied	46.3
Percent owned	74.2
Percent rented	25.8
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	11.0
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	6.3
<i>More than 88 percent of the vacant housing units are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.⁵⁴</i>	

Employment^{6,8}	
Workers 16 years and over	41,117
Percent working within the county	71.2
Percent who are self-employed	8.1
Percent working at home	2.7
Unemployment rate	10.1
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (88.5%), walking (5.3%), bus (1.4%), and bicycle (1%)⁶</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	0
Private vocational or correspondence schools	0
Public schools	33
Private schools	10
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 26 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁵³ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 18 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,55,56}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	75.1
Birth rate (per 100,000)	10.6
Death rate (per 100,000)	497.0
Percentage of low birth weight babies	5.6
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	---
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	---
<p><i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (437), malignant neoplasms (337), cerebrovascular diseases (84), pneumonia and influenza (65), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (51)</i>¹⁷</p> <p><i>The county percentages for very low birth weight and extremely low birth weight are not available because they do not meet standards of reliability or precision.</i></p>	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Cape May County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 27.5 percent has some disability, 13.9 percent has a severe disability, and 1 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ There is one hospital in the county and there is one known tobacco cessation program located at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital in Cape May Court House, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.^{19,20} The service is both wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ²¹			
Adventist	2	Independent Fundamentalist	3
African Methodist Episcopal	2	Jewish	3
Assemblies of God	2	Latter Day Saints	2
Baptist	18	Methodist	27
Christian/Churches of Christ	4	Orthodox	1
Christian Science Churches	1	Pentecostal	5
Congregational	1	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	7
Episcopal	8	Protestant	10
Evangelical Lutheran Church	5	Roman Catholic Church	12
Holiness	1	Seventh Day Adventist	4

Government

The form of government in Cape May County is a Freeholder Board made up of five members.²³ There are 16 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 65,923 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 14 local newspapers, all of which are weekly, as well as six local radio stations and four television stations based in the county.²⁵

Cumberland County

Introduction

Cumberland County, situated in the southern portion of New Jersey, has a total land area of 489 square miles and borders on Atlantic, Cape May, Gloucester, and Salem Counties as well as the Delaware Bay.^{57,58} It is located forty minutes from Philadelphia and is accessible by major roadways including the NJ Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, Interstate 295, and Routes 55 and 322.⁵⁹ Transportation includes New Jersey Transit buses and the Millville Airport, the only FAA Flight Service Station in New Jersey.⁵⁹

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 74.1 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁶⁰ Of the 25.9 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over 2.6 percent living in a rural farm area.⁶⁰

Population Demographics

Cumberland County experienced a 6.1 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁵⁸ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 1,134.5 persons per square mile and a total population of 146,438 people, of whom 51 percent are men and 49 percent are women.⁵⁸

County Population by Age⁶¹	Number	Percent
Total Population	146,438	100.0
Under 5 years	9,161	6.3
5 to 17 years	28,042	19.1
18 to 24 years	12,478	8.5
25 to 64 years	77,670	53.0
65 years and older	19,087	13.0

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁶¹	Number	Percent
Total Population	146,438	100.0
White	96,478	65.9
Black or African American	29,585	20.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,419	1.0
Asian	1,397	1.0
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	82	0.1
Some Other Race	13,300	9.1
Two or More Races	4,177	2.9
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	27,823	19.0

Cumberland County has the highest percentage of American Indian and Alaska Natives of all New Jersey counties.⁶¹

Language Breakdown³⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	16.4
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	3.2
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	22.8
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	23.6
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	11.3
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, German, French/French Creole, Russian, and Polish³⁹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,39,58,61}	
Median household income	\$34,935
Total housing units	52,863
Percent occupied	93.0
Percent owned	67.9
Percent rented	32.1
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	15.8
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	11.2

Employment^{7,8,39}	
Workers 16 years and over	59,774
Percent working within the county	79.4
Percent who are self-employed	5.4
Percent working at home	1.9
Unemployment rate	8.6
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (91.0%), walking (3.4%), and bus (1.9%)³⁹</i>	
<i>Nurseries and orchards in the county depend on seasonal workers who are primarily from Puerto Rico, Mexico, and California and most of whom return to the same farm each year.⁵⁹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	1
Private vocational or correspondence schools	1
Public schools	53
Private schools	15
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 36.6 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁶⁰ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 26 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,62,63}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	73.8
Birth rate (per 100,000)	14.0
Death rate (per 100,000)	537.8
Percentage of low birth weight babies	7.0
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.5
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	---
<p><i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (509), malignant neoplasms (296), cerebrovascular diseases (80), chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (66), and diabetes mellitus (52)</i>¹⁷</p> <p><i>The county percentage for extremely low birth weight is not available because it does not meet standards of reliability or precision.</i></p>	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Cumberland County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 26.3 percent has some disability, 13.8 percent has a severe disability, and .9 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ While there are three hospitals in the county, there are currently no known tobacco cessation programs according to New Jersey's Quitnet.^{19,20}

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ²¹			
Adventist	4	Independent Fundamentalist	3
African Methodist Episcopal	3	Jewish	6
Assemblies of God	6	Lutheran	1
Baptist	38	Mennonite/Amish	2
Buddhist	3	Methodist	46
Christian/Churches of Christ	6	Orthodox	3
Christian Science Churches	1	Pentecostal	20
Congregational	1	Presbyterian	14
Episcopal	3	Protestant	13
Evangelical Lutheran Church	3	Roman Catholic Church	14
Holiness	10	Seventh Day Adventist	4
<i>Includes Spanish-language and Ukrainian</i> ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Cumberland County is a Freeholder Board made up of seven members.²³ There are 14 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 76,290 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are six local newspapers, including three dailies and one Spanish newspaper that is published twice a month.²⁵ In addition, there are five local radio stations and one television station based in the county.²⁵

Essex County

Introduction

Essex, with a total land area of 126 square miles, is situated in the northeastern portion of New Jersey, and borders on Bergen, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, and Union Counties.⁶⁴ It is the second most densely populated and second most populated county in the state.⁶⁴ Nine major highways including the New Jersey Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, Interstates 78 and 280, and Routes 1&9 serve the county.⁶⁶ Available passenger transportation includes New Jersey Transit buses and trains, Amtrak, the Newark City Subway, PATH trains to New York City, numerous private bus lines, and two airports including Newark International Airport.⁶⁶ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 100 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁶⁷

Population Demographics

Essex County experienced a two percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁶⁴ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 6,298.7 persons per square mile and a total population of 793,633 people, of whom 47.6 percent are men and 52.4 percent are women.⁶⁴

County Population by Age⁶⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	793,633	100.0
Under 5 years	57,961	7.3
5 to 17 years	148,989	18.8
18 to 24 years	74,308	9.4
25 to 64 years	417,995	52.7
65 years and older	94,380	11.9

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁶⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	793,633	100.0
White	352,859	44.5
Black or African American	327,324	41.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,861	0.2
Asian	29,429	3.7
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	417	0.1
Some Other Race	54,588	6.9
Two or More Races	27,155	3.4
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	122,347	15.4

Essex County has the highest percentage of African American residents of all New Jersey counties.⁶⁸

Language Breakdown⁶⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	23.9
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	5.6
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	27.2
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	14.5
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	21.0
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Portuguese/Portuguese Creole, Italian, French/French Creole, Polish, Tagalog, and Chinese⁶⁹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,64,68,69}	
Median household income	\$39,823
Total housing units	301,011
Percent occupied	94.3
Percent owned	45.6
Percent rented	54.4
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.7
Percent of persons below poverty	17.3
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	14.6

Employment^{8,69}	
Workers 16 years and over	356,562
Percent working within the county	58.7
Percent who are self-employed	4.6
Percent working at home	1.9
Unemployment rate	5.7
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (75.2%), bus (12.5%), walking (4.9%), railroad (3.2%), and subway or elevated (1.1%)⁶⁹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	8
Private vocational or correspondence schools	18
Public schools	230
Private schools	91
Charter schools	2
<i>Essex County has the second largest total student enrollment in New Jersey.¹¹</i>	

Of the county population 25 years and over, 30 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁶⁴
According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 34 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,70,71}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	71.1
Birth rate (per 100,000)	16.1
Death rate (per 100,000)	552.5
Percentage of low birth weight babies	11.6*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	2.7*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	1.5*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (2,029), malignant neoplasms (1,618), cerebrovascular diseases (390), diabetes mellitus (286), and HIV infection (265)</i> ¹⁷	
<i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i>	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Essex County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 24.7 percent has some disability, 13.0 percent has a severe disability, and .9 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to the 15 hospitals in the county, there are numerous community health services.^{19,67} There are two known tobacco cessation programs located at St. Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ Both programs are wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation, and the former lists available childcare.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	15	Metaphysical	5
African Methodist Episcopal	11	Methodist	27
Assemblies of God	11	Muslim	17
Baptist	154	Orthodox	11
Christian/Churches of Christ	20	Pentecostal	98
Christian Science Churches	3	Polish National Catholic Church	1
Congregational	14	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	39
Episcopal	32	Protestant	29
Evangelical Lutheran Church	5	Reformed	13
Holiness	17	Roman Catholic Church	72
Independent Fundamentalist	8	Seventh Day Adventist	11
Jewish	36	Southern Baptist Convention	11
Latter Day Saints	2	Unitarian Universalist	2
Lutheran	9	Unclassified	3
Includes Spanish-language as well as Chinese, Haitian, Korean, Russian, and Ukrainian ²⁰			

Government

The form of government in Essex County is a County Executive Plan with a nine-member Freeholder Board.²³ There are 22 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 401,333 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are at least 39 local newspapers, including those serving college students as well as numerous major ethnic groups, and the state's largest daily newspaper is published in Essex.²⁵ There are five local radio stations and two television stations based in the county.²³ New Jersey Network—the only television network accessible to all New Jersey households with or without cable—has a studio located in Essex County and WNET, Channel 13, also has a studio in the county.²⁵

Gloucester County

Introduction

Gloucester, with a total land area of 325 square miles, is situated in the southwest portion of New Jersey on the eastern bank of the Delaware River and borders Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland, and Salem Counties.⁷²⁻⁷⁴ The county is located roughly seven miles from Philadelphia, 47 miles from Atlantic City, and 93 miles from New York City.⁷⁴ Major roadways in the county include the New Jersey Turnpike, I-295, US Highway 322, the Atlantic City Expressway, and Routes 55, 44, 45, 47, and 168.⁷⁴

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 83.7 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁷⁵ Of the 16.3 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just four percent living in a rural farm area.⁷⁵

Population Demographics

Gloucester County experienced a 10.7 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁷² Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 783.6 persons per square mile and a total population of 254,673 people, of whom 48.4 percent are men and 51.6 percent are women.⁷²

County Population by Age⁷⁶	Number	Percent
Total Population	254,673	100.0
Under 5 years	16,689	6.6
5 to 17 years	50,440	19.8
18 to 24 years	22,712	8.9
25 to 64 years	135,154	53.1
65 years and older	29,678	11.7

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁷⁶	Number	Percent
Total Population	254,673	100.0
White	221,742	87.1
Black or African American	23,084	9.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	487	0.2
Asian	3,805	1.5
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	75	*
Some Other Race	2,173	0.9
Two or More Races	3,307	1.3
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6,583	2.6
<i>*Rounds to zero</i>		

Language Breakdown³⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	6.1
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	0.7
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	25.4
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	12.0
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.1
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, German, French/French Creole, and Polish³⁹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,39,72,76}	
Median household income	\$49,279
Total housing units	95,054
Percent occupied	95.4
Percent owned	79.9
Percent rented	20.1
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	7.4
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	6.0

Employment^{8,39}	
Workers 16 years and over	110,693
Percent working within the county	46.4
Percent who are self-employed	5.0
Percent working at home	4.7
Unemployment rate	4.5
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (92%), walking (2.8%), and bus (1.5%)³⁹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	2
Private vocational or correspondence schools	2
Public schools	79
Private schools	18
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 22.5 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁷² According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 16 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,77,78}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	75.2
Birth rate (per 100,000)	12.9
Death rate (per 100,000)	471.6
Percentage of low birth weight babies	7.2
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.1
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	0.7
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (600), malignant neoplasms (531), cerebrovascular diseases (95), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (73), and atherosclerosis (60)</i> ¹⁷	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Gloucester County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 21.2 percent has some disability, 10.6 percent has a severe disability, and .7 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

There are two hospitals located in the county as well as numerous other health services and providers.^{19,74} There is one known tobacco cessation program located at Rowan University Center for Addiction Studies in Glassboro, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation, and the program serves all tobacco users.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	2	Jewish	2
African Methodist Episcopal	1	Latter Day Saints	2
Assemblies of God	7	Metaphysical	1
Baptist	29	Methodist	30
Christian/Churches of Christ	5	Pentecostal	9
Christian Science Churches	1	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	15
Episcopal	10	Protestant	11
Evangelical Lutheran Church	4	Roman Catholic Church	16
Holiness	5	Seventh Day Adventist	2
Independent Fundamentalist	12	Unitarian Universalist	1

Government

The form of government in Gloucester County is a Freeholder Board made up of seven members.²³ There are 24 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 149,846 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 15 local newspapers, including one daily, as well as one local radio station and four television stations based in the county.²⁵

Hudson County

Introduction

Hudson has a total land area of 47 square miles and, although it is the smallest in size, it is the most densely populated county in New Jersey.⁷⁹ Situated in the northeastern portion of the state on the Hudson River directly across from New York City, it borders on Bergen and Essex Counties, as well as the Upper New York Bay, and the Kill Van Kull.⁸⁰

Major roadways that traverse the county include the NJ Turnpike, US Routes 1&9, and Routes 3, 169, and 440.⁸⁰ Major crossings include the Bayonne Bridge, and the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels to New York City.⁸⁰ Passenger rail transportation includes NJ Transit, which runs seven separate direct routes to and from the Hoboken terminal, the PATH, which operates between Hudson County points and New York, and the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail System.⁸⁰ Other passenger transportation includes NJ Transit buses and numerous other bus lines, as well as ferry service into and out of Manhattan.⁸⁰ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, all of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁸¹

Population Demographics

Hudson County experienced a 10.1 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁷⁹ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 12,956.9 persons per square mile and a total population of 608,975 people, of whom 49.1 percent are men and 50.9 percent are women.⁷⁹

County Population by Age⁸²	Number	Percent
Total Population	608,975	100.0
Under 5 years	38,756	6.4
5 to 17 years	98,742	16.2
18 to 24 years	63,370	10.4
25 to 64 years	338,836	55.6
65 years and older	69,271	11.4
<i>Hudson has the highest percentage of residents age 18-24 of all New Jersey counties.⁸²</i>		

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁸²	Number	Percent
Total Population	608,975	100.0
White	338,457	55.6
Black or African American	82,098	13.5
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,547	0.4
Asian	56,942	9.4
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	383	0.1
Some Other Race	94,253	15.5
Two or More Races	34,295	5.6
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	242,123	39.8
<i>Hudson has the highest percentage of Hispanic residents of all New Jersey counties.⁸²</i>		

Language Breakdown⁶⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	47.5
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	12.5
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	31.6
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	15.6
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	16.2
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, Tagalog, Indic, Polish, Portuguese or Portuguese/Creole, and Arabic⁶⁹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,69,79,82}	
Median household income	\$34,848
Total housing units	240,618
Percent occupied	95.8
Percent owned	30.7
Percent rented	69.3
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.8
Percent of persons below poverty	17.1
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	11.9
<i>Of all counties in the state, Hudson has the highest percentage of same-sex partners who reported cohabitating.⁸³</i>	

Employment^{8,69}	
Workers 16 years and over	262,745
Percent working within the county	53.7
Percent who are self-employed	4.1
Percent working at home	1.4
Unemployment rate	7.2
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (57.8%), bus (17.2%), walking (10.5%), subway or elevated (9.8%), and railroad (1.5%)⁶⁹</i>	

Education^{9-11,80}	
Colleges and universities	4
Private vocational or correspondence schools	10
Public schools	107
Private schools	59
Charter schools	11

Of the county population 25 years and over, 35.9 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁷⁹ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 34 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,84,85}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	72.7
Birth rate (per 100,000)	15.7
Death rate (per 100,000)	495.1
Percentage of low birth weight babies	9.4*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.8*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	1.0*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,455), malignant neoplasms (1,155), cerebrovascular diseases (230), diabetes mellitus (196), and symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (230)</i> ¹⁷	
<i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Hudson County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 22.8 percent has some disability, 12 percent has a severe disability, and .8 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ There are 11 hospitals in the county, among other healthcare services and providers.⁸⁰ There is one known tobacco cessation programs located at Pavonia Medical Associates, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The program is wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation, and services are available in both English and Spanish.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ²¹		
Adventist	7	Latter Day Saints 1
African Methodist Episcopal	6	Lutheran 6
Assemblies of God	10	Metaphysical 1
Baptist	41	Methodist 15
Bretheren	2	Muslim 8
Christian/Churches of Christ	6	Orthodox 10
Christian Science Churches	3	Pentecostal 37
Congregational	1	Polish National Catholic Church 1
Episcopal	17	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) 12
Evangelical Lutheran Church	22	Protestant 22
Hindu	1	Reformed 15
Holiness	14	Roman Catholic Church 61
Independent Fundamentalist	4	Seventh Day Adventist 7
Jewish	24	Southern Baptist Convention 3
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Armenian, Korean, and Latin American</i> ²¹		

Government

The form of government in Hudson County is a County Executive Plan with a nine-member Freeholder Board.²³ There are 12 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 279,099 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 20 local newspapers, including one daily, one college, and several Spanish-language newspapers, as well as three local radio stations and eight television stations based in the county.^{25,80}

Hunterdon County

Introduction

Hunterdon, with a total land area of 430 square miles, is situated halfway between New York City and Philadelphia, bordered by Warren, Morris, Somerset, and Mercer Counties, and separated from Pennsylvania by the Delaware River.^{86,87} Major roadways that traverse the county include Interstate 78, and Routes 202 and 22.^{31,87} Mass transit is limited to long distance services, local operation in the population centers, and specialized, para-transit services for the elderly and handicapped.⁸⁷ Available passenger transportation for the county includes New Jersey Transit trains and buses and two Cross County LOOPS—four buses that provide county residents with same-day, all day service along the route 31/179 corridor and an East/West highway corridor.⁸⁸ There are three privately owned, public use airports.⁸⁸

Hunterdon is the most rural of all New Jersey counties.⁸⁹ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, just 11 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁸⁹ Of the 89 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over three percent living in a rural farm area.⁸⁹

Population Demographics

Hunterdon County experienced a 13.1 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁸⁶ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 283.7 persons per square mile and a total population of 121,989 people, of whom 49.4 percent are men and 50.6 percent are women.⁸⁶

County Population by Age⁹⁰	Number	Percent
Total Population	121,989	100.0
Under 5 years	8,082	6.6
5 to 17 years	23,292	19.1
18 to 24 years	7,107	5.8
25 to 64 years	71,280	58.4
65 years and older	12,228	10.0
<i>Hunterdon has the highest percentage of residents age 25-64 of all New Jersey counties.⁹⁰</i>		

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁹⁰	Number	Percent
Total Population	121,989	100.0
White	114,563	93.9
Black or African American	2,743	2.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	169	0.1
Asian	2,348	1.9
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	35	*
Some Other Race	921	0.8
Two or More Races	1,210	1.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,371	2.8
<i>*Rounds to zero</i>		

Language Breakdown⁹¹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	7.0
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	0.7
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	16.4
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	13.3
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	7.0
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, German, Italian, French/French Creole, other Slavic languages, and Chinese⁹¹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,86,90,91}	
Median household income	\$72,398
Total housing units	45,032
Percent occupied	97.0
Percent owned	83.6
Percent rented	16.4
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.6
Percent of persons below poverty	3.1
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	2.6

Employment^{8,91}	
Workers 16 years and over	57,721
Percent working within the county	44.2
Percent who are self-employed	8.1
Percent working at home	3.6
Unemployment rate	2.1
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (92.2%) and walking (2.3%)⁹¹</i>	

Education^{10,11,87,88}	
Colleges and universities	0
Private vocational or correspondence schools	1
Public schools	43
Private schools	6
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 14.1 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁸⁶ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 11 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,92,93}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	78.1
Birth rate (per 100,000)	12.0
Death rate (per 100,000)	345.6
Percentage of low birth weight babies	6.0
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	---
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	---
<p><i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (218), malignant neoplasms (187), cerebrovascular diseases (47), pneumonia and influenza (31), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (25)¹⁷</i></p> <p><i>The county percentages for very low birth weight and extremely low birth weight are not available because they do not meet the standards of reliability or precision.</i></p>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Hunterdon County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 16.8 percent has some disability, 8 percent has a severe disability, and .6 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to one hospital in the county, there are three family health centers and two state-run mental health facilities.^{19,88} There are no known tobacco cessation programs in the county, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	3	Latter Day Saints	1
Assemblies of God	4	Lutheran	6
Baptist	14	Methodist	19
Bretheren	3	Orthodox	2
Christian/Churches of Christ	2	Pentecostal	1
Christian Science Churches	1	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	20
Episcopal	4	Protestant	4
Evangelical Lutheran Church	2	Reformed	7
Holiness	4	Roman Catholic Church	8
Independent Fundamentalist	3	Unitarian Universalist	1
Jewish	3		

Government

The form of government in Hunterdon County is a Freeholder Board with three members.²³ There are 26 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 72,895 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are six local newspapers, though none is daily, and there are three local radio stations and one television station based in the county.²⁵

Mercer County

Introduction

Mercer, located in the western portion of central New Jersey, has a total land area of 226 square miles.^{94,95} It borders on Burlington, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset Counties as well as the Delaware River which separates it from Pennsylvania.⁵⁷ Major roadways that traverse the county include the New Jersey Turnpike, Interstates 95 and 195, and Routes 1, 31, 130, and 206.⁹⁴ Available passenger transportation consists of bus and rail service including SEPTA, which connects the county to Philadelphia.⁹⁶

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 82.9 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.⁹⁷ Of the 17.1 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over one percent living in a rural farm area.⁹⁷

Population Demographics

Mercer County experienced a 7.7 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.⁹⁵ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 1,552 persons per square mile and a total population of 350,761 people, of whom 48.7 percent are men and 51.3 percent are women.⁹⁵

County Population by Age⁹⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	350,761	100.0
Under 5 years	22,189	6.3
5 to 17 years	62,148	17.7
18 to 24 years	35,924	10.2
25 to 64 years	186,360	53.1
65 years and older	44,140	12.6
<i>Mercer has the second highest percentage of residents age 18-24 of all New Jersey counties.⁹⁸</i>		

County Population by Race/Ethnicity⁹⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	350,761	100.0
White	240,206	68.5
Black or African American	69,502	19.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	688	0.2
Asian	17,340	4.9
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	352	0.1
Some Other Race	15,054	4.3
Two or More Races	7,619	2.2
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	33,898	9.7

Language Breakdown⁹¹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	15.1
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	2.3
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	24.9
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	11.7
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	9.4
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, Polish, Indic, French/French Creole, German, and Chinese⁹¹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,91,95,98}	
Median household income	\$49,251
Total housing units	133,280
Percent occupied	94.4
Percent owned	67.0
Percent rented	33.0
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.6
Percent of persons below poverty	9.4
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	6.5

Employment^{8,91}	
Workers 16 years and over	162,920
Percent working within the county	76.6
Percent who are self-employed	4.8
Percent working at home	2.5
Unemployment rate	4.0
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (84.2%), walking (5.9%), bus (3.1%), and railroad (2.9%)⁹¹</i>	

Education^{10,11,94}	
Colleges and universities	4
Private vocational or correspondence schools	8
Public schools	96
Private schools	53
Charter schools	8

Of the county population 25 years and over, 22.9 percent has less than a high school diploma.⁹⁵ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 20 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,99,100}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	74.9
Birth rate (per 100,000)	13.2
Death rate (per 100,000)	473.6
Percentage of low birth weight babies	8.9*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.8*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	1.0*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,013), malignant neoplasms (733), cerebrovascular diseases (166), pneumonia and influenza (127), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (99)¹⁷</i>	
<i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Mercer County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 21.3 percent has some disability, 10.7 percent has a severe disability, and .8 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

There are seven hospitals in the county, as well as numerous other services and providers.^{19,94} There are two known tobacco cessation programs located at Capital Health System and Mercer Trenton Addiction Science Center, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The former is a hospital and the latter is a licensed substance abuse treatment facility.²⁰ Both are wheelchair accessible, are accessible by public transportation, and have services available in English.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}		
Adventist	4	Metaphysical 3
African Methodist Episcopal	6	Methodist 22
Assemblies of God	6	Muslim 5
Baptist	56	Orthodox 7
Buddhist	1	Pentecostal 29
Christian/Churches of Christ	11	Polish National Catholic Church 1
Christian Science Churches	3	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) 27
Congregational	1	Protestant 20
Episcopal	13	Reformed 2
Evangelical Lutheran Church	11	Roman Catholic Church 32
Holiness	11	Seventh Day Adventist 6
Independent Fundamentalist	4	Southern Baptist Convention 2
Jewish	16	Unitarian Universalist 3
Lutheran	5	Unclassified 1
<i>Includes Spanish-language²¹</i>		

Government

The form of government in Mercer County is a County Executive Plan with a seven-member Freeholder Board.²³ There are 13 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 190,727 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 29 local newspapers, including two dailies, as well as 19 local radio stations and seven television stations based in the county.²⁵

Middlesex County

Introduction

Middlesex, with a total land area of 310 square miles, is located in the center of New Jersey and stretches from the Rahway River south to Mercer and Monmouth Counties and from Raritan Bay on the Atlantic Ocean west to Somerset County.^{101,102} Major roadways that traverse the county include the New Jersey Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, Interstate 287, US Routes 1, 9, and 130, and State Route 18.⁷³ Passenger transportation includes NJ Transit buses and trains as well as Amtrak trains. According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 95.9 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹⁰³ Of the 4.1 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over 1.5 percent living in a rural farm area.¹⁰³

Population Demographics

Middlesex County experienced an 11.7 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹⁰¹ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 2,419.9 persons per square mile and a total population of 750,162 people, of whom 49.1 percent are men and 50.9 percent are women.¹⁰¹

County Population by Age¹⁰⁴	Number	Percent
Total Population	750,162	100.0
Under 5 years	49,390	6.6
5 to 17 years	128,238	17.1
18 to 24 years	71,294	9.5
25 to 64 years	408,650	54.5
65 years and older	92,590	12.3

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹⁰⁴	Number	Percent
Total Population	750,162	100.0
White	513,298	68.4
Black or African American	68,467	9.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,521	0.2
Asian	104,212	13.9
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	300	*
Some Other Race	42,867	5.7
Two or More Races	19,497	2.6
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	101,940	13.6

Middlesex has the highest percentage of Asian residents of all New Jersey counties.¹⁰⁴

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown⁹¹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	21.8
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	3.6
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	26.1
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	14.3
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	11.2
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Indic, Italian, Polish, Chinese, and Hungarian⁹¹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,91,101,104}	
Median household income	\$52,646
Total housing units	273,637
Percent occupied	97.1
Percent owned	66.7
Percent rented	33.3
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	6.8
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	4.7

Employment^{8,91}	
Workers 16 years and over	353,628
Percent working within the county	60.0
Percent who are self-employed	3.9
Percent working at home	1.7
Unemployment rate	3.8
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (86.2%), railroad (3.9%), bus (3.8%), and walking (3.2%)⁹¹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	10
Vocational or correspondence schools	14
Public schools	179
Private schools	63
Charter schools	1
<i>Middlesex has the third largest total school enrollment in New Jersey.¹¹</i>	

Of the county population 25 years and over, 20.6 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹⁰¹
According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 17 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,105,106}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	75.9
Birth rate (per 100,000)	14.3
Death rate (per 100,000)	424.5
Percentage of low birth weight babies	7.3
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.3
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	0.7
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,777), malignant neoplasms (1,462), cerebrovascular diseases (298), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (210), and pneumonia and influenza (205)</i> ¹⁷	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Middlesex County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 19.1 percent has some disability, 9.4 percent has a severe disability, and .6 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to the five major hospitals in the county, there are numerous other services provided for children, adults, and senior citizens.^{18,102} There is one known tobacco cessation program located at the UMDNJ School of Public Health in New Brunswick, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The program is both wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	7	Lutheran	7
African Methodist Episcopal	4	Metaphysical	1
Assemblies of God	6	Methodist	20
Baptist	40	Muslim	6
Buddhist	1	Orthodox	12
Christian/Churches of Christ	8	Pentecostal	21
Christian Science Churches	1	Polish National Catholic Church	2
Congregational	5	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	26
Episcopal	20	Protestant	21
Evangelical Lutheran Church	14	Reformed	14
Hindu	5	Roman Catholic Church	67
Holiness	7	Seventh Day Adventist	10
Independent Fundamentalist	9	Unitarian Universalist	1
Jewish	30	Unclassified	3
Latter Day Saints	1		
Includes Spanish-language as well as Chinese, Hungarian, Korean, and Taiwanese ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Middlesex County is a Freeholder Board with seven members.²³ There are 25 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 406,590 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 20 local newspapers, including one daily, one Spanish-language, and several college newspapers, as well as three local radio stations and two television stations based in the county.²⁵

Monmouth County

Introduction

Monmouth, located on the east coast of central New Jersey, has a total land area of 472 square miles, including 26 miles of bayfront and 27 miles of oceanfront.¹⁰⁷⁻¹⁰⁹ It borders on Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, and Ocean Counties.¹⁰⁷ Major roads that traverse the county include the Garden State Parkway and Route 9, as well as Routes 33, 34, 35, 36, 18, 71, and 195.¹¹⁰ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 90.4 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹¹¹ Of the 9.6 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over 2.5 percent living in a rural farm area.¹¹¹

Population Demographics

Monmouth County experienced an 11.2 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹⁰⁸ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 1,303.6 persons per square mile and a total population of 615,301 people, of whom 48.6 percent are men and 51.4 percent are women.¹⁰⁸

County Population by Age¹¹²	Number	Percent
Total Population	615,301	100.0
Under 5 years	42,231	6.9
5 to 17 years	118,111	19.2
18 to 24 years	42,573	6.9
25 to 64 years	335,463	54.5
65 years and older	76,923	12.5

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹¹²	Number	Percent
Total Population	615,301	100.0
White	519,261	84.4
Black or African American	49,609	8.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	879	0.1
Asian	24,403	4.0
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	153	*
Some Other Race	10,685	1.7
Two or More Races	10,311	1.7
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	38,175	6.2

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown⁶	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	11.3
Percent of population speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	1.4
Spanish speaking persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	17.4
Asian language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	13.1
Other language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	9.9

*Most common languages spoken other than English:
Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, Chinese, French/French Creole, and German⁶*

Housing/Household Data ^{6,7,108,112}	
Median household income	\$57,985
Total housing units	240,884
Percent occupied	93.1
Percent owned	74.6
Percent rented	25.4
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	6.6
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	4.9

Employment ^{6,8}	
Workers 16 years and over	274,238
Percent working within the county	64.6
Percent who are self-employed	5.8
Percent working at home	2.7
Unemployment rate	4.0
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (86%), bus (4.1%), walking (3%), and railroad (2.7%)⁶</i>	

Education ^{10,11,109}	
Colleges and universities	2
Private vocational or correspondence schools	10
Public schools	175
Private schools	53
Charter schools	2

Of the county population 25 years and over, 17.2 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹⁰⁸
According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 16 percent of the county's population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,113,114}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	75.6
Birth rate (per 100,000)	13.6
Death rate (per 100,000)	421.2
Percentage of low birth weight babies	7.4
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.5
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	0.8
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,547), malignant neoplasms (1,317), cerebrovascular diseases (295), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (214), and pneumonia and influenza (179)¹⁷</i>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Monmouth County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 21.2 percent has some disability, 10.5 percent has a severe disability, and .7 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

There are six hospitals in the county as well as numerous other health services and providers.^{19,110} There are three known tobacco cessation programs located at CentraState Health Care System and two Meridian Health System locations, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ All are listed as wheelchair accessible, and two are also accessible by public transportation.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship^{21,22}			
Adventist	7	Lutheran	5
African Methodist Episcopal	14	Metaphysical	2
Assemblies of God	6	Methodist	53
Baptist	70	Orthodox	7
Buddhist	5	Pentecostal	24
Christian/Churches of Christ	7	Polish National Catholic Church	1
Christian Science Churches	3	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	22
Congregational	1	Protestant	27
Episcopal	23	Reformed	11
Evangelical Lutheran Church	9	Roman Catholic Church	47
Hindu	1	Seventh Day Adventist	1
Holiness	7	Southern Baptist Convention	3
Independent Fundamentalist	15	Unitarian Universalist	1
Jewish	33	Unclassified	3
Latter Day Saints	1		
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Asian and Haitian²¹</i>			

Government

The form of government in Monmouth County is a Freeholder Board made up of five members.²³ There are 53 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 372,189 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 17 local newspapers, including two dailies, as well as one electronic newspaper, which is delivered via e-mail to more than 4,000 readers each week.²⁵ There are also 11 local radio stations, two of which are college stations, and three television stations based in the county.²⁵

Morris County

Introduction

Morris, situated in northern New Jersey, has a total land area of 469 square miles.^{115,116} It borders on Essex, Hunterdon, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties.¹¹⁵ Major routes that traverse the county include Interstates 80, 280, and 287, US Highways 46, 202, and 206, and State Highways 10, 15, 23, 24, and 53.¹¹⁷ Available passenger transportation for the county includes several rail lines for NJ Transit trains from over 15 stations.¹¹⁷ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 84.9 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹¹⁸ Of the 15.1 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over 1.3 percent living in a rural farm area.¹¹⁸

Population Demographics

Morris County experienced an 11.6 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹¹⁶ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 1,002.6 persons per square mile and a total population of 470,212 people, of whom 48.9 percent are men and 51.1 percent are women.¹¹⁶

County Population by Age¹¹⁹	Number	Percent
Total Population	470,212	100.0
Under 5 years	32,906	7.0
5 to 17 years	83,932	17.8
18 to 24 years	29,896	6.4
25 to 64 years	268,948	57.2
65 years and older	54,530	11.6

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹¹⁹	Number	Percent
Total Population	470,212	100.0
White	410,042	87.2
Black or African American	13,181	2.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	572	0.1
Asian	29,432	6.3
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	188	*
Some Other Race	9,471	2.0
Two or More Races	7,326	1.6
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	36,626	7.8

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown⁶⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	14.1
Percent of population speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	2.2
Spanish speaking persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	24.2
Asian language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	16.9
Other language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	9.8

*Most common languages spoken other than English:
Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, Chinese, German, and Indic⁶⁹*

Housing/Household Data ^{7,69,116,119}	
Median household income	\$67,919
Total housing units	174,379
Percent occupied	97.3
Percent owned	76.0
Percent rented	24
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	3.4
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	2.9

Employment ^{8,69}	
Workers 16 years and over	231,093
Percent working within the county	60.0
Percent who are self-employed	6.0
Percent working at home	2.6
Unemployment rate	2.8
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (91.1%), walking (2.2%), railroad (1.7%), and bus (1.5%)⁶⁹</i>	

Education ^{10,11,117}	
Colleges and universities	4
Private vocational or correspondence schools	13
Public schools	151
Private schools	54
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 13 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹¹⁶
According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 12 percent of the county's population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,120,121}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	77.5
Birth rate (per 100,000)	14.1
Death rate (per 100,000)	349.3
Percentage of low birth weight babies	8.7*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	2.0*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	1.1*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,080), malignant neoplasms (779), cerebrovascular diseases (186), and pneumonia and influenza (133), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (128)¹⁷</i>	
<i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i>	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Morris County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 17 percent has some disability, 8 percent has a severe disability, and .6 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ There are eight hospitals in the county as well as numerous other health services and providers.^{19,118} There are no known tobacco cessation programs according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship^{21,22}			
Adventist	5	Mennonite/Amish	2
African Methodist Episcopal	3	Metaphysical	4
Assemblies of God	5	Methodist	27
Baptist	17	Muslim	1
Christian/Churches of Christ	9	Orthodox	5
Christian Science Churches	4	Pentecostal	7
Congregational	5	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	34
Episcopal	22	Protestant	20
Evangelical Lutheran Church	10	Reformed	6
Hindu	3	Roman Catholic Church	43
Holiness	14	Seventh Day Adventist	1
Independent Fundamentalist	8	Southern Baptist Convention	2
Jewish	15	Unitarian Universalist	1
Latter Day Saints	1	Unclassified	1
Lutheran	7		
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Chinese, Hungarian, and Ukrainian²¹</i>			

Government

The form of government in Morris County is a Freeholder Board made up of seven members.²³ There are 39 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 295,673 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 31 local newspapers, including one daily, as well as five local radio stations and one television station based in the county.²⁵

Ocean County

Introduction

Ocean is the second largest county in New Jersey, with a total land area of 636 square miles including 27 miles of ocean coastline.^{122,123} It borders Burlington and Monmouth Counties and is situated roughly 60 miles south of New York City, 50 miles North of Atlantic City, and 50 miles to the east of Philadelphia.¹²⁴ Ocean County is traversed by several major roadways including the Garden State Parkway, Interstate 195, and Routes 9, 35, 37, and 72.¹²⁵ Public transit includes buses that run primarily inland and two train stops on New Jersey Transit's North Jersey Coast Line.¹²⁴

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 79.6 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹²⁶ Of the 20.4 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just eight percent living in a rural farm area.¹²⁶

Population Demographics

Ocean County experienced a 17.9 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹²² Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 803.3 persons per square mile and a total population of 510,916 people, of whom 47.5 percent are men and 52.5 percent are women.¹²²

County Population by Age¹²⁷	Number	Percent
Total Population	510,916	100.0
Under 5 years	32,181	6.3
5 to 17 years	86,865	17.0
18 to 24 years	33,647	6.6
25 to 64 years	244,963	47.9
65 years and older	113,260	22.2
<i>Ocean has the highest percentage of residents age 65 and older of all New Jersey counties.¹²⁷</i>		

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹²⁷	Number	Percent
Total Population	510,916	100.0
White	475,391	93.0
Black or African American	15,268	3.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	702	0.1
Asian	6,550	1.3
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	103	*
Some Other Race	6,333	1.2
Two or More Races	6,569	1.3
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	25,638	5.0
<i>*Rounds to zero</i>		

Language Breakdown⁶	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	9.9
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	1.0
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	15.1
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	13.5
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.7
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, German, Polish, and Yiddish⁶</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{6,7,122,127}	
Median household income	\$42,053
Total housing units	248,711
Percent occupied	80.6
Percent owned	83.2
Percent rented	16.8
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.4
Percent of persons below poverty	7.8
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	4.8
<i>Nearly 70% of the vacant housing units are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.¹²⁷</i>	

Employment^{6,8}	
Workers 16 years and over	178,966
Percent working within the county	59.1
Percent who are self-employed	6.4
Percent working at home	2.1
Unemployment rate	4.6
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (92.7%), walking (2.3%), and bus (1.5%)⁶</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	3
Private vocational or correspondence schools	6
Public schools	102
Private schools	21
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 25.1 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹²² According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 18 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,128,129}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	76.5
Birth rate (per 100,000)	13.0
Death rate (per 100,000)	439.5
Percentage of low birth weight babies	6.7
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.3
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	0.6
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (2,392), malignant neoplasms (1,603), cerebrovascular diseases (334), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (273), and diabetes mellitus (186)</i> ¹⁷	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Ocean County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 28.2 percent has some disability, 14.2 percent has a severe disability, and 1.9 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ There are six hospitals in the county and numerous other health services.^{19,130} There are no known tobacco cessation programs located in Ocean County, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	3	Lutheran	5
African Methodist Episcopal	2	Methodist	28
Assemblies of God	7	Orthodox	2
Baptist	22	Pentecostal	10
Christian/Churches of Christ	4	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	14
Christian Science Churches	2	Protestant	20
Congregational	1	Reformed	3
Episcopal	12	Roman Catholic Church	27
Evangelical Lutheran Church	10	Seventh Day Adventist	2
Holiness	3	Southern Baptist Convention	2
Independent Fundamentalist	7	Unitarian Universalist	1
Jewish	15		
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Korean and Ukrainian</i> ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Ocean County is a Freeholder Board made up of 5 members.²³ There are 33 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 321,299 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 19 local newspapers, including one daily, as well as five local radio stations and three television stations based in the county.²⁵

Passaic County

Introduction

Passaic, located in the northern part of New Jersey, has a total land area of 185 square miles and borders on Bergen, Essex, Morris, and Sussex Counties as well as on New York.^{131,132} Part of the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area, the county is within 20 miles of all three New York City crossings.¹³¹ Major roads that traverse the county include the Garden State Parkway, Interstates 80 and 287, and State Highways 3, 21, 23, and 46.¹³¹ Passenger transportation within the county includes NJ Transit buses and trains and a local airport.¹³¹ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, all of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹³³

Population Demographics

Passaic County experienced a 3.9 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹³² Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 2,643.5 persons per square mile and a total population of 489,049 people, of whom 48.5 percent are men and 51.5 percent are women.¹³²

County Population by Age¹³⁴	Number	Percent
Total Population	489,049	100.0
Under 5 years	36,129	7.4
5 to 17 years	91,357	18.7
18 to 24 years	45,478	9.3
25 to 64 years	257,052	52.6
65 years and older	59,033	12.1

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹³⁴	Number	Percent
Total Population	489,049	100.0
White	304,786	62.3
Black or African American	64,647	13.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,166	0.4
Asian	18,064	3.7
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	175	*
Some Other Race	79,423	16.2
Two or More Races	19,788	4.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	146,492	30.0

Passaic has the second highest percentage of Hispanic or Latino residents of all New Jersey counties.¹³⁴

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown³¹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	33.6
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.4
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	31.5
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	17.1
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	15.1
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, Polish, Arabic, and Indic³¹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,31,132,134}	
Median household income	\$39,783
Total housing units	170,048
Percent occupied	96.4
Percent owned	55.6
Percent rented	44.4
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.6
Percent of persons below poverty	12.5
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	8.3

Employment^{8,31}	
Workers 16 years and over	220,595
Percent working within the county	52.3
Percent who are self-employed	4.5
Percent working at home	1.5
Unemployment rate	6.2
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (85.4%), bus (5.7%), and walking (5.1%)³¹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	2
Private vocational or correspondence schools	11
Public schools	124
Private schools	56
Charter schools	1

Of the county population 25 years and over, 31.2 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹³² According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 28 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,135,136}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	74.3
Birth rate (per 100,000)	16.2
Death rate (per 100,000)	552.5
Percentage of low birth weight babies	8.7*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	2.0*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	1.1*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,353), malignant neoplasms (945), cerebrovascular diseases (254), diabetes mellitus (150), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (128)¹⁷</i>	
<i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Passaic County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 22.3 percent has some disability, 11.4 percent has a severe disability, and .8 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to the seven hospitals in the county, there are numerous other health services.^{19,131} There is one known tobacco cessation program located at Chilton Memorial Hospital, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The program is wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation.²⁰ Additionally, it lists teen/youth as special populations served.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}		
Adventist	6	Metaphysical 3
African Methodist Episcopal	4	Methodist 20
Assemblies of God	12	Muslim 8
Baptist	39	Orthodox 14
Christian/Churches of Christ	2	Pentecostal 31
Christian Science Churches	1	Polish National Catholic Church 3
Congregational	3	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) 17
Episcopal	13	Protestant 25
Evangelical Lutheran Church	4	Reformed 32
Holiness	9	Roman Catholic Church 51
Independent Fundamentalist	11	Seventh Day Adventist 7
Jewish	18	Southern Baptist Convention 2
Lutheran	7	Unitarian Universalist 1
Mennonite/Amish	1	
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Haitian, Hungarian, Russian, and Yugoslavian²¹</i>		

Government

The form of government in Passaic County is a Freeholder Board with seven members.²³ There are 16 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 232,252 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 15 local newspapers, including one daily, one college, and at least one foreign language newspaper, as well as three local radio stations.²⁵

Salem County

Introduction

Salem, with a total land area of 338 square miles, is the least populated and least densely populated county in New Jersey.¹³⁷ It is situated in the southwest portion of the State, bordering on Cumberland and Gloucester Counties as well as the Delaware River and Bay which separate it from Delaware.¹³⁸

Major roadways that traverse the county include the New Jersey Turnpike, Interstate 295, US Routes 40 and 130, and State Routes 45, 49 and 77.¹³⁸ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 56 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹³⁹ Of the 44 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over five percent living in a rural farm area.¹³⁹

Population Demographics

Salem County experienced a 1.5 percent decrease in its total population from 1990 to 2000 making it the only New Jersey county with a decrease in population for that period.¹³⁷ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 190.2 persons per square mile and a total population of 64,285 people, of whom 48.3 percent are men and 51.7 percent are women.¹³⁷

Salem County Population by Age¹⁴⁰	Number	Percent
Total Population	64,285	100.0
Under 5 years	3,942	6.1
5 to 17 years	12,508	19.5
18 to 24 years	5,039	7.8
25 to 64 years	33,485	52.1
65 years and older	9,311	14.5

Salem County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹⁴⁰	Number	Percent
Total Population	64,285	100.0
White	52,195	81.2
Black or African American	9,498	14.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	226	0.4
Asian	396	0.6
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	19	*
Some Other Race	1,010	1.6
Two or More Races	941	1.5
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,498	3.9

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown³⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	5.2
Percent of population speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	0.8
Spanish speaking persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	23.0
Asian language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	15.9
Other language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	8.3

Most common languages spoken other than English:

Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, German, Polish, and French/French Creole³⁹

Housing/Household Data ^{7,39,137,140}	
Median household income	\$42,378
Total housing units	26,158
Percent occupied	92.9
Percent owned	73.0
Percent rented	27.0
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.4
Percent of persons below poverty	10.5
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	7.4

Employment ^{8,39}	
Workers 16 years and over	29,320
Percent working within the county	59.8
Percent who are self-employed	5.3
Percent working at home	2.1
Unemployment rate	4.7
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (92.5%), walking (2.8%), and bus (1.1%)³⁹</i>	

Education ⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	1
Private vocational or correspondence schools	0
Public schools	32
Private schools	6
Charter schools	0
<i>Salem has the lowest total student enrollment in New Jersey.¹¹</i>	

Of the county population 25 years and over, 27.4 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹³⁷
According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 20 percent of the county's population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,141,142}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	74.8
Birth rate (per 100,000)	11.8
Death rate (per 100,000)	539.7
Percentage of low birth weight babies	6.6
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	---
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	---
<p><i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (229), malignant neoplasms (166), cerebrovascular diseases (41), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (31), and pneumonia and influenza (21)</i>¹⁷</p> <p><i>The county percentages for very low birth weight and extremely low birth weight are not available because they do not meet standards of reliability or precision.</i></p>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Salem County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 25.3 percent has some disability, 12.8 percent has a severe disability, and .9 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to the two hospitals in the county, there are numerous other health services.¹⁹ There are no known tobacco cessation programs according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ²¹			
Adventist	1	Jewish	4
African Methodist Episcopal	5	Lutheran	1
Assemblies of God	4	Mennonite/Amish	2
Baptist	17	Methodist	18
Christian Science Churches	1	Pentecostal	11
Episcopal	4	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	6
Evangelical Lutheran Church	2	Protestant	7
Holiness	4	Roman Catholic Church	7
Independent Fundamentalist	1	Seventh Day Adventist	1

Government

The form of government in Salem County is a Freeholder Board with seven members.²³ There are 15 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 39,036 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are three local newspapers, including one daily, as well as one television station based in the county.²⁵

Somerset County

Introduction

Somerset, with a total land area of 305 square miles, is located 40 miles southwest of New York City and is bound by Morris to the north, Hunterdon to the west, Mercer to the south, and Middlesex and Union to the east.^{9,143} Major roads that traverse the county include the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike, Interstates 78 and 287, and Routes 22, 28, 202 and 206.¹⁴⁴ Available passenger transportation for the county includes NJ Transit buses, two rail lines, and local bus service.¹⁴⁴

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 80.4 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹⁴⁵ Of the 19.6 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over 1.7 percent living in a rural farm area.¹⁴⁵

Population Demographics

Somerset County experienced a 23.8 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000—the biggest increase of any county in the state.¹⁴³ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 975.4 persons per square mile and a total population of 297,490 people, of whom 48.8 percent are men and 51.2 percent are women.¹⁴³

County Population by Age¹⁴⁶	Number	Percent
Total Population	297,490	100.0
Under 5 years	22,207	7.5
5 to 17 years	53,784	18.1
18 to 24 years	17,515	5.9
25 to 64 years	170,603	57.3
65 years and older	33,381	11.2
<i>Somerset has the highest percentage of residents age 5 and younger of all New Jersey counties.¹⁴⁶</i>		

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹⁴⁶	Number	Percent
Total Population	297,490	100.0
White	236,042	79.3
Black or African American	22,396	7.5
American Indian and Alaska Native	375	0.1
Asian	24,941	8.4
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	121	*
Some Other Race	8,158	2.7
Two or More Races	5,457	1.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	25,811	8.7
<i>*Rounds to zero</i>		

Language Breakdown⁹¹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	14.9
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	2.0
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	25.7
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	13.3
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.6
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, Indic, Chinese, Polish, and German⁹¹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,91,143,146}	
Median household income	\$74,586
Total housing units	112,023
Percent occupied	97.3
Percent owned	77.2
Percent rented	22.8
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	4.1
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	3.1

Employment^{8,91}	
Workers 16 years and over	134,390
Percent working within the county	45.7
Percent who are self-employed	5.4
Percent working at home	2.7
Unemployment rate	2.5
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (90.8%), railroad (2.5%), walking (2.0%), and bus (1.2%)⁹¹</i>	

Education⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	1
Private vocational or correspondence schools	3
Public schools	80
Private schools	43
Charter schools	1

Of the county population 25 years and over, 13.7 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹⁴³ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 13 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,147,148}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	77.8
Birth rate (per 100,000)	15.6
Death rate (per 100,000)	354.2
Percentage of low birth weight babies	7.2
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.3
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	0.6
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (555), malignant neoplasms (506), cerebrovascular diseases (98), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (68), and pneumonia and influenza (58)</i> ¹⁷	

Model-based estimates from Census disability data show that in Somerset County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 17.2 percent has some disability, 8.2 percent has a severe disability, and .6 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ In addition to the four hospitals in the county, there are numerous other health services.^{19,145} There is one known tobacco cessation program at Somerset Medical Center, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The program is wheelchair accessible, is offered in Spanish as well as in English, and has onsite childcare available.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	2	Lutheran	4
African Methodist Episcopal	1	Metaphysical	1
Assemblies of God	2	Methodist	11
Baptist	17	Orthodox	5
Christian/Churches of Christ	5	Pentecostal	4
Christian Science Churches	3	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	12
Congregational	2	Protestant	6
Episcopal	11	Reformed	18
Evangelical Lutheran Church	2	Roman Catholic Church	24
Holiness	4	Southern Baptist Convention	2
Independent Fundamentalist	5	Unitarian Universalist	1
Jewish	8	Unclassified	2
Latter Day Saints	1		
<i>Includes Chinese and Ukrainian</i> ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Somerset County is a Freeholder Board made up of five members.²³ There are 21 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 153,100 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 16 local newspapers, including one daily, as well as one local radio station and one television station based in the county.²⁵

Sussex County

Introduction

Sussex, the northernmost county in New Jersey, has a total land area of 521 square miles.^{150,151} It is bordered by Morris, Passaic, and Warren Counties as well as New York and the Delaware River, which separates it from Pennsylvania.¹⁵⁰ Major roads that traverse the county include Interstates 80 and 84, US Route 206, and State Routes 15, 23, 94, 181, 183, and 284.¹⁵² Passenger transportation includes limited NJ Transit bus/rail connections as well as other bus lines.¹⁵³

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 40.7 percent of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹⁵⁴ Of the 59.3 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over two percent living in a rural farm area.¹⁵⁴

Population Demographics

Sussex County experienced a 10.1 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹⁵¹ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 276.7 persons per square mile and a total population of 144,166 people, of whom 49.5 percent are men and 50.5 percent are women.¹⁵¹

County Population by Age¹⁵⁵	Number	Percent
Total Population	144,166	100.0
Under 5 years	9,815	6.8
5 to 17 years	30,403	21.1
18 to 24 years	8,990	6.2
25 to 64 years	81,806	56.7
65 years and older	13,152	9.1
<i>Sussex has the highest percentage of residents age 5-17 of all New Jersey counties.¹⁵⁵</i>		

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹⁵⁵	Number	Percent
Total Population	144,166	100.0
White	138,015	95.7
Black or African American	1,502	1.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	161	0.1
Asian	1,738	1.2
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	28	*
Some Other Race	1,072	0.7
Two or More Races	1,650	1.1
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	4,822	3.3
<i>*Rounds to zero</i>		

Language Breakdown⁶⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	6.7
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	0.5
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	8.0
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	14.0
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	7.3
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, German, Italian, Polish, and French/French Creole⁶⁹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,69,151,155}	
Median household income	\$59,626
Total housing units	56,528
Percent occupied	89.9
Percent owned	82.7
Percent rented	17.3
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	4.1
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	3.3

Employment^{8,69}	
Workers 16 years and over	66,593
Percent working within the county	41.5
Percent who are self-employed	6.5
Percent working at home	2.7
Unemployment rate	3.5
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (93.4%), walking (1.8%), and bus (1%)⁶⁹</i>	

Education^{10,11,152}	
Colleges and universities	1
Private vocational or correspondence schools	0
Public schools	45
Private schools	11
Charter schools	2

Of the county population 25 years and over, 14.9 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹⁵¹
According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 10 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,156,157}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	76.2
Birth rate (per 100,000)	12.7
Death rate (per 100,000)	455.2
Percentage of low birth weight babies	7.0
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.9*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	---
<p><i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (278), malignant neoplasms (239), cerebrovascular diseases (64), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (46), and diabetes mellitus (43)</i>¹⁷</p> <p><i>*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent</i></p> <p><i>A figure for extremely low birth weight is not available because it does not meet the standards of reliability or precision.</i></p>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Sussex County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 17.7 percent has some disability, 8.6 percent has a severe disability, and .6 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸ In addition to the two hospitals in the county, there are numerous other health services.^{19,152} There is one known tobacco cessation program located at Newton Memorial Hospital in Newton, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ The program is both wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}		
Adventist	2	Jewish 3
Assemblies of God	3	Lutheran 4
Baptist	6	Metaphysical 1
Buddhist	1	Methodist 19
Christian/Churches of Christ	4	Pentecostal 1
Christian Science Churches	1	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) 10
Episcopal	3	Protestant 2
Evangelical Lutheran Church	3	Reformed 6
Holiness	4	Roman Catholic Church 14
Independent Fundamentalist	3	Unitarian Universalist 1
<i>Includes Romanian</i> ²¹		

Government

The form of government in Sussex County is a Freeholder Board made up of five members.²³ There are 24 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 79,877 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are six local newspapers, including one daily, as well as three local radio stations and two television stations based in the county.²⁵

Union County

Introduction

Union, with a total land area of 103 square miles, is the second smallest county in New Jersey.¹⁵⁸ It is part of the New York City Metropolitan Area and is bordered by Essex to the north, Morris and Somerset to the west, Middlesex to the south, and the Arthur Kill to the east, separating it from Staten Island.¹⁵⁹ Major roadways that traverse the county include the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, Interstates 78 and 278, and US Routes 1 and 9.¹⁵⁹ Transportation includes NJ Transit trains on the Northeast Corridor line, NJ Transit and other buses, and close proximity to Newark International airport.¹⁶⁰ According to 1990 U.S. Census data, all of the county's population lives in an urban area.¹⁶¹

Population Demographics

Union County experienced a 5.8 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹⁵⁸ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 5,073.2 persons per square mile and a total population of 522,541 people, of whom 48.1 percent are men and 51.9 percent are women.¹⁵⁸

County Population by Age¹⁶²	Number	Percent
Total Population	522,541	100.0
Under 5 years	36,441	7.0
5 to 17 years	93,500	17.9
18 to 24 years	41,469	7.9
25 to 64 years	279,090	53.4
65 years and older	72,041	13.8

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹⁶²	Number	Percent
Total Population	522,541	100.0
White	342,302	65.5
Black or African American	108,593	20.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,215	0.2
Asian	19,993	3.8
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	201	*
Some Other Race	33,277	6.4
Two or More Races	16,960	3.2
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	103,011	19.7

**Rounds to zero*

Language Breakdown⁶⁹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	26.5
Percent of population speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	6.1
Spanish speaking persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	30.4
Asian language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	14.6
Other language persons speaking English "not well" or "not at all"	16.7

*Most common languages spoken other than English:
Spanish/Spanish Creole, Portuguese/Portuguese Creole, Italian, Polish, and German⁶⁹*

Housing/Household Data ^{7,69,158,162}	
Median household income	\$50,254
Total housing units	192,945
Percent occupied	96.5
Percent owned	61.6
Percent rented	38.4
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.6
Percent of persons below poverty	9.3
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	6.6

Employment ^{8,69}	
Workers 16 years and over	247,205
Percent working within the county	51.7
Percent who are self-employed	4.2
Percent working at home	1.9
Unemployment rate	4.8
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (84.9%), railroad (4.2%), walking (3.9%), and bus (3.6%)</i> ⁶⁹	

Education ⁹⁻¹¹	
Colleges and universities	2
Private vocational or correspondence schools	21
Public schools	156
Private schools	55
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 24.8 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹⁵⁸
According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 26 percent of the county's population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,163,164}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	75.3
Birth rate (per 100,000)	14.8
Death rate (per 100,000)	439.8
Percentage of low birth weight babies	8.3*
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	1.9*
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	1.0*
<i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (1,557), malignant neoplasms (1,178), cerebrovascular diseases (302), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (181), and pneumonia and influenza (175)</i> ¹⁷	
*Indicates a value higher than the statewide percent	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Union County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 22.7 percent has some disability, 11.4 percent has a severe disability, and .8 percent uses a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to the nine hospitals in the county, there are numerous other community health services and providers.^{19,159} There are two known tobacco cessation programs located at the Trinitas Hospital and the Plainfield Health Center, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰ Both are wheelchair accessible and accessible by public transportation.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship^{21,22}			
Adventist	6	Lutheran	9
African Methodist Episcopal	9	Methodist	28
Assemblies of God	13	Muslim	4
Baptist	70	Orthodox	9
Bretheren	1	Pentecostal	34
Christian/Churches of Christ	11	Polish National Catholic Church	1
Christian Science Churches	5	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	36
Congregational	5	Protestant	28
Episcopal	20	Reformed	3
Evangelical Lutheran Church	16	Roman Catholic Church	50
Holiness	16	Seventh Day Adventist	3
Independent Fundamentalist	2	Southern Baptist Convention	3
Jewish	27	Unitarian Universalist	2
Latter Day Saints	1	Unclassified	3
<i>Includes Spanish-language as well as Haitian, Korean, and Ukrainian²¹</i>			

Government

The form of government in Union County is a County Manager Plan with a 9-member Freeholder Board.²³ There are 21 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 262,655 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are 28 local newspapers, including one Spanish newspaper, as well as three local radio stations and three television stations based in the county.²⁵

Warren County

Introduction

Warren, with a total land area of 358 square miles, is located in northwest New Jersey, 85 miles west of New York City.^{165,166} It borders Hunterdon, Morris, and Sussex Counties and is separated from Pennsylvania by the Delaware River.¹⁶⁶ Major roads that traverse the county include Interstates 78 and 80, and Routes 22, 122, 31, 46, 57, and 94.¹⁶⁶ Available passenger transportation for the county is limited except for local and specialized intercounty, and interstate transit.¹⁶⁶

According to 1990 U.S. Census data, 53.4 percent of the county's population live in an urban area.¹⁶⁷ Of the 46.6 percent of the population living in a rural area, most live in a non-farm area, with just over 3.3 percent living in a rural farm area.¹⁶⁷ Farming remains a sizeable industry and ranks high in milk, egg, cattle, and corn production in New Jersey.¹⁶⁶

Population Demographics

Warren County experienced an 11.7 percent increase in its total population from 1990 to 2000.¹⁶⁵ Results from the 2000 Census reveal that there are 286.1 persons per square mile and a total population of 102,437 people, of whom 48.7 percent are men and 51.3 percent are women.¹⁶⁵

County Population by Age¹⁶⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	102,437	100.0
Under 5 years	7,032	6.9
5 to 17 years	19,658	19.2
18 to 24 years	6,461	6.3
25 to 64 years	56,080	54.7
65 years and older	13,206	12.9

County Population by Race/Ethnicity¹⁶⁸	Number	Percent
Total Population	102,437	100.0
White	96,846	94.5
Black or African American	1,914	1.9
American Indian and Alaska Native	115	0.1
Asian	1,242	1.2
Hawaiian American and Other Pacific Islander	19	*
Some Other Race	1,034	1.0
Two or More Races	1,267	1.2
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,751	3.7
<i>*Rounds to zero</i>		

Language Breakdown⁹¹	Percent
Percent population speaking a language other than English at home	6.8
Percent of population speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	0.7
Spanish speaking persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	18.2
Asian language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	19.9
Other language persons speaking English “not well” or “not at all”	6.4
<i>Most common languages spoken other than English: Spanish/Spanish Creole, Italian, German, Hungarian, and Polish⁹¹</i>	

Housing/Household Data^{7,91,165,168}	
Median household income	\$50,002
Total housing units	41,157
Percent occupied	93.9
Percent owned	72.7
Percent rented	27.3
Percent of households with same-sex, unmarried partners	0.5
Percent of persons below poverty	6.7
Percent of persons in households with public assistance	4.8

Employment^{8,91}	
Workers 16 years and over	44,891
Percent working within the county	44.4
Percent who are self-employed	2.3
Percent working at home	2.6
Unemployment rate	4.2
<i>Most common means of transportation to work: Driving alone/carpool (91.7%), and walking (3.7%)⁹¹</i>	

Education^{10,11,166}	
Colleges and universities	2
Private vocational or correspondence schools	1
Public schools	41
Private schools	7
Charter schools	0

Of the county population 25 years and over, 22.4 percent has less than a high school diploma.¹⁶⁵ According to a study for the National Institute for Literacy, 14 percent of the county’s population age 16 and over is estimated to have a literacy level of 1, meaning almost all adults in this category can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a simple story to a child.¹²

Health Status Indicators ^{14,15,169,170}	
Average life expectancy (in years)	76.2
Birth rate (per 100,000)	12.0
Death rate (per 100,000)	430.7
Percentage of low birth weight babies	4.8
Percentage of very low birth weight babies	---
Percentage of extremely low birth weight babies	---
<p><i>Leading causes of death for 1998: Diseases of the heart (289), malignant neoplasms (186), cerebrovascular diseases (48), pneumonia and influenza (48), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (39)</i>¹⁷</p> <p><i>The county percentages for very low birth weight and extremely low birth weight are not available because they do not meet standards of reliability and precision.</i></p>	

Model based estimates from Census disability data show that in Warren County, of the civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over, 21.8 percent have some disability, 10.9 percent have a severe disability, and .8 percent use a wheelchair.¹⁸

In addition to the two hospitals in the county, there are numerous other health services.^{19,165} There are no known tobacco cessation programs, according to New Jersey's Quitnet.²⁰

Religious Organizations and Houses of Worship ^{21,22}			
Adventist	3	Lutheran	3
Assemblies of God	3	Mennonite/Amish	2
Baptist	6	Methodist	20
Brethren	2	Muslim	1
Buddhist	2	Orthodox	2
Christian Science Churches	1	Pentecostal	1
Congregational	1	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)	20
Episcopal	5	Protestant	5
Evangelical Lutheran Church	4	Roman Catholic Church	11
Holiness	7	Seventh Day Adventist	2
Independent Fundamentalist	8	Unitarian Universalist	1
Jewish	1	Unclassified	1
Latter Day Saints	1		
<i>Includes Korean and Ukrainian</i> ²¹			

Government

The form of government in Warren County is a Freeholder Board made up of three members.²³ There are 22 constituent municipalities.²³ The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Elections reports that there are 57,547 registered voters in the county.²⁴

Media

There are six local newspapers as well as four local radio stations and one television station based in the county.²⁵

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